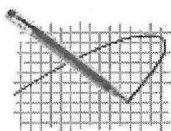




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Lots of coverage from OSC Durno's Mahoningside briefing with Warren, Ohio, Mayor O'Brien on Wed. Warren Tribune's website features a nice photo of a contractor at the site. The Youngstown Vindicator and a local radio station also attended.

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By AMY McCULLOUGH Tribune Chronicle

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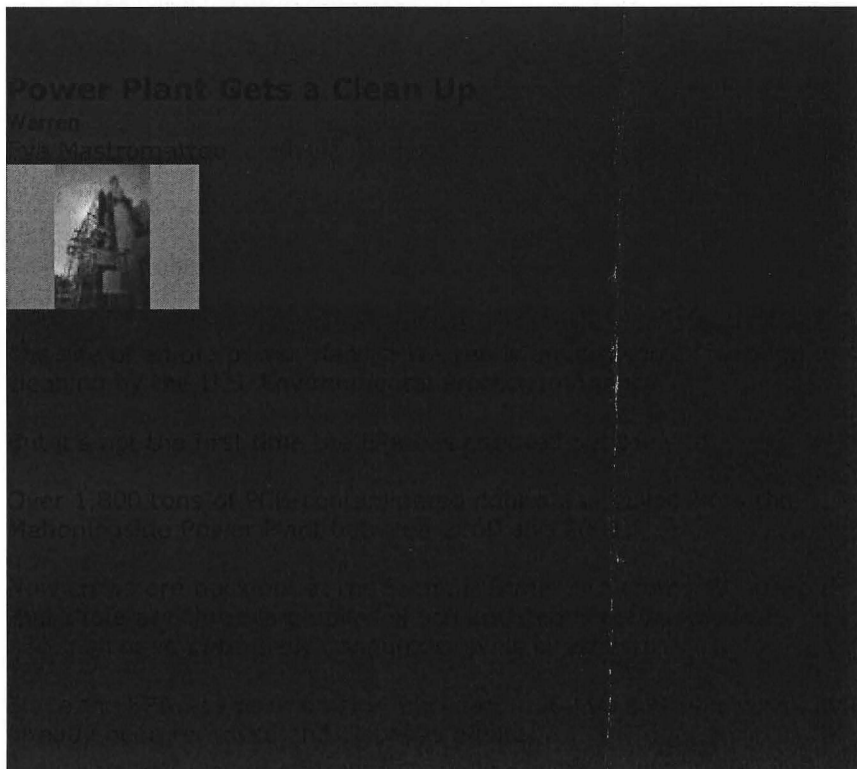
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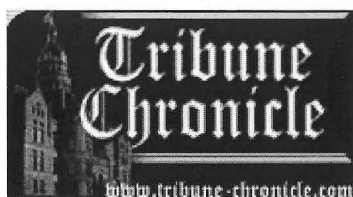
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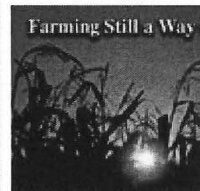
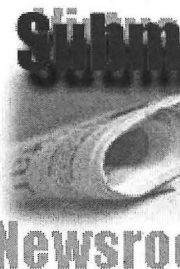
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Power Plant Gets a Clean Up

Warren

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The site of an old power plant in Warren is undergoing a thorough cleaning by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

But it's not the first time the EPA has checked out the site.

Over 1,800 tons of PCB-contaminated debris was pulled from the Mahoningside Power Plant between 2000 and 2001.

Now crews are back out at the Summit Street site after getting word that there are three large piles of soil and debris containing PCBs which all have potentially dangerous levels of asbestos.

Since the EPA has been on site this year, 1,000 tons of materials have already been removed and disposed offsite.

The EPA's total expense at Mahoningside is estimated at \$2 million. The current clean up project is expected to be complete by the summer.

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